

North American M A R T Y R S C a t h o l i c S c h o o l

It has been such a good couple weeks. Weeks of gratitude. We had time with family and then an extra snuggle day on the snow day... well some of us did. I spent that snuggle day sitting in an airport and on an airplane on the tarmac before take off. Ha. My flight got cancelled the day before and then delayed the day I was leaving. I was given a wonderful opportunity to really appreciate family and spent Tuesday after school through Monday with my parents at their home in Minnesota. While we were there my grandma was taken to the hospital and is now on hospice. She is 97. No one wants to lose someone, but my grandma had that weekend rallying as many do before they die. She talked all about appreciating who we are and what we do and the importance of getting along with family. Take time to really enjoy your family and appreciate the wonderful education you've been blessed to provide for them at North American Martyrs.

I have been in the classrooms this week observing teachers and I assure you, we have some of the best teachers I've ever seen. Our teachers love your children and want what is best for them. I know sometimes it may not feel like it, but I assure you that is the case.

Thank you so much to those who have sold FAR more of their share of calendars. I would like to beg those who have not sold any to get out there and sell two. We are sending more calendars home with the students. Please, please, please. But mostly know that I am grateful for all the families of the children who attend our school. Every day I come to school grateful and loving my job. There aren't a lot of people who spend hours on end at a job and still come in with a smile on their face and in their heart. Thanks for helping me love what I do.

God bless you, Sr Janelle

Boys Basketball :

- ⇒ **NAM 7 vs. St. Joseph Maroon 7 is Monday December 3rd @ 6:45pm at NAM**
- ⇒ **NAM 8 vs. St. Joseph White 8 is Monday December 3rd @ 7:45pm at NAM**
- ⇒ **NAM 7 vs. St. Patrick 7 is Tuesday December 4th @ 5:45pm at St. Patrick**
- ⇒ **NAM 8 vs. St. Patrick 8 is Tuesday December 4th @ 6:45pm at St. Patrick**

Important Dates:

- **NAM only Chess Tournament is Saturday December 1st. Please send registrations to the School Office.**
- **Meet St. Nick at Pius on December 6th from 5:30-7:30pm.**
- **No School on Friday December 7th - Teacher Retreat.**
- **Great Plains Open is on Saturday December 8th.**

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **Page One Meeting Tuesday December 11th from 3:15-4:15pm.**
- **Martyrs Night Out at Runza is Tuesday December 11th from 5-8pm**
- **A-L Christmas Program is December 17th at 6:30pm.**
- **M-Z Christmas Program is December 18th at 6:30pm.**
- **Noon Dismissal and 2nd quarter ends on Friday December 21st.**

Preschoolers in the 4 year old classes will have a Christmas program on **December 21 in the morning.** Watch for more details.

Parents, our teachers will have a retreat day on Friday, December 7 (no school for the students). If you can help provide items for a simple lunch, please check this link and sign up for something:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A49AEAD22A64-faculty> Thank You!

Snow Removal Volunteers

The last two snows we have sadly not had volunteers show up to move snow in the numbers required. With the school addition we have gained a great deal more concrete that needs to be cleared especially around the playgrounds. Every volunteer is important to make this work and get the work done in a timely fashion. We are working on a better way to communicate when we plan to move snow or to let the group know if the work has been all or partially completed by a volunteer or group of volunteers.

If you can help with snow removal, Please join "NAM Snow Removal Team" on GroupMe. https://app.groupme.com/join_group/46215538/kx6hCb. Or you can email Brian Beck at beckb2915@gmail.com.

Thanks and God bless.

North American Martyrs hosted two friendly duals in Chess and looks forward to more of the same. Coach Mike Smith from St. Peter's came with a dozen players on November 14 and then Matt Wiedel came with about 20 from the Cathedral of the Risen Christ on November 19th. In both duals, each teams won over 20 games. Fr.



Connor said there was good sportsmanship and an opportunity for students to improve in a tournament like setting. Players from all teams are gearing up for the Great Plains Open on December 8 at the Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln, the North American Martyrs Tourney on February 2 and the State Championships at Boys Town. Interest in Chess in the Lincoln Catholic schools has skyrocketed.



Keep Christ in Christmas!

2018 Knights of Columbus Poster Contest is starting. They will need to be turned in by Wednesday December 19. Students will be working on this during the school day. The rules this year are:

1. The contest is for ages 5-14.
2. Posters must reflect a Christ in Christmas theme and should be the concept and work of one person.
3. Create a slogan without using the words *Keep Christ in Christmas*.
4. Make sure that the name and age of the entrant is on the backside of the poster.
5. Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus Entry form (#5025), located in the school office.

The Martyr's T-shirt store is open now until December 10th. You can shop through this link:

https://stores.inksoft.com/north_american_martyrs

